

ANNULMENT

BRIEF INFORMATION

Before signing a court document or getting involved with a court case, it's important to see an attorney to make sure you understand your legal rights and responsibilities. The Self-Help Center has information on finding an attorney.

WHAT IS ANNULMENT?

Arizona law lets only “void” or “voidable” marriages be annulled. A void marriage is one the law prohibits, such as between certain blood relatives. Reasons a marriage may be voidable include: undissolved prior marriage, duress, and fraud.

The words “duress” and “fraud” have precise legal meanings as they relate to annulment. If you think you *entered into* a marriage as the result of duress or fraud, an attorney can advise you about whether your circumstances meet the legal requirements for annulment.

No matter how short a time you have been married, your marriage must be void or voidable for another reason provided in law for you to have it annulled.

If you want to end a marriage and your circumstances do not qualify for an annulment, you may ask for a legal separation or divorce. The Self-Help Center has free forms and instructions for these procedures.